

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks and discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this amendment, the specification and Claims 1, 3, and 4 are amended. No new matter is added.

I. The Specification Satisfies Formal Requirements

The Specification is objected to for informalities. Accordingly, the Title and specification are amended. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

II. Claims 1-10 Satisfy the Requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph, for being indefinite. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3 and 4 are amended. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

III. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 3-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,223,190 to Aihara et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,035,323 to Narayan et al.; and Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Aihara and Narayan and further in view of 6,930,709 to Creamer et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

None of the applied art teaches, discloses or suggests a unit which, each time a picked-up image is linked to an HTML file, forms an image with a thumb-nail image size from the picked-up image in accordance with the exclusively-used tag and registers this in the same directory as the HTML file is registered, as claimed in Claim 1.

The Office Action admits that Aihara does not teach creating a thumb-nail for referencing the image from the HTML file. However, the Office Action asserts that Narayan makes up for this deficiency. Applicants respectfully disagrees.

Specifically, Narayan discloses in step 203 of Figure 3, that the user makes selections in a file saving dialog box presented to the user on a display of a computer in order to store the original images to the file storage device, such as a hard disk. The storage occurs under the control of a file management system. A storage is performed in step 205 and the image has a unique path name for the file. In step 207, a data object is created for each digital image and is stored in a database. This storage is in addition to the storage of the original file for the original image on the storage device. The storage in the database is performed by a picture management system, which is separate software that creates and stores the data object for each digital image and also maintains the database. Further, a lower resolution version of a digital image, such as a thumb-nail version, is stored in the database along with a link to the original image stored in the file storage device under control of the file management system.

Accordingly, Narayan does not make up for the deficiencies of Aihara admitted in the Office Action. That is, there is no teaching, disclosure or suggestion in the applied art for a unit which forms an image with a thumb-nail image size from the picked-up image in accordance with the exclusively-used tag and registers this in the same directory as the HTML file is registered, as claimed in Claim 1. Instead, Narayan merely discloses storing the thumb-nail version in a database with a link to the original image stored on the file storage device under control of the file management system.

Thus, for at least the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-10, be withdrawn.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-10 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

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